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I urge the Arizona Corporation Commission to immediately allow SSVEC to begin construction on the much needed Sonoita 69kV line. SSVEC, the ACC staff engineers, and now an independent third party have all reviewed this line and have come to the same conclusion. Delaying construction of this line does nothing but increase costs for all SSVEC members and make the ACC look bad as the comments below show:

*There are always going to be cry babies whenever any type of improvement is planned. What, would they rather have black-outs? Fry their electric appliances due to low voltage? These people are absolutely ridiculous.*

*Mr. Neuman-I guess we were looking at different facts. You mentioned 200 members did it in good faith. They did it for lower costs and rebate. There is a waiting list for rebates. Kind of like when you are waiting for one from the government, and some politicians are playing games. You mention SSVEC has the privilege of serving some of AZ. finest citizens. Are these the same ones with the redneck thinking? Did you really mean this article and your concern. Or are you bitter because the independant study proved SSVEC correct? I do have a question Mr. Neuman, do you have solar on your house and office?*

*When there is growth it is necessary to have utility upgrades. The growth of the Babocomari Ranch area is not a thing that has been ongoing for decades, so in light of foresight of SSVEC back in 1982 they purchased the easements for expanding their services for an area that was bound to grow. They (SSVEC) have followed the Arizona Corporate Comissions demands for a third party study before going with this project further. The reality is that even with the downturn in the economy of late it is still a necessity to make these upgrades! If these upgrades are not carry through many people will encounter further times of lose of power in the immediate future. Please remember this when and if you lose power in the future, you have done more harm than good. Reality has a tendency to bite you when you least expect it!*

*SSVEC bought the easements in 1982. MS Downing starts following the activity in 1991, 9 years LATER. SSVEC wins. MS Downing states that SSVEC is frivolously spent money. Well, if folks like her just tended to their own business and allow SSVEC to tend to theirs, we would all be getting a rebate. Here is an idea. Those in Sonoita and other 'concerned' areas remove yourself from the grid entirely, to include the removal of all existing power lines, at your expense; restore the area to the way it was 100 years ago. Remove any asphalt you mav have (it leaches); disconnect and remove your water and gas*

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lines as well. Then you can complain. MS Downing: Set the example! Lead, follow or get out of the way!

Mr. Newman may consider it "redneck" economics but if rooftop solar photovoltaics are such a good deal maybe the individual consumer (private citizens and business) would install them on their own. If it makes economic sense as Mr. Newman claims, then a government beauracracy and it onerous regulations would not be necessary. People, on their own would install these. Enough of these citizens and the utility company would see demand go down for their electricity. Exactly what Mr. Newman wants. But reality is that no matter how Newman paints it, the photovoltaic cells still don't compare to other electric producing technology, to include coal and nuclear power. So Newman will support laws raising everybody's electric rates until we are forced to reduce our consumption. It may be a redneck thing to do, but maybe we all need to "monetize" Newman's big brother interference with our local utility companys.

Ms Downing, you seem to not like the fact SSVEC wants to build a substation and power line. Get over it and get a life. There was an independent study done. And proved SSVEC was correct. I'm tired of MY bill going up to cover the costs of survives just because a FEW have objections. If you are that concerned about the wildlife build a perch by the lines and sit there like a scarecrow so the birds won't be affected. At a ratio of 3 to 1 most people in your area want the improved service. And when it comes to paying extra because of your nonsense I'm sure the ratio is a lot higher. I'd be able to understand your feelings more if SSVEC took the land. But SSVEC had the easement first before many homes were there. That is like building next to I-10 and then complaining there is noise from the cars. You've been following this case since the 1990s. Maybe you should have followed it before you bought AFTER SSVEC already owned the easement. I'm tired of paying for YOUR foolishness.

Apparently, Paul Newman of the Arizona Corporation Commission commented that Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative had a "redneck" attitude because he could not effectively counter the accuracy of remarks by SSVEC's Jack Blair that solar panels are only for the wealthy. Anyone who has seriously considered a home installation system knows they start around \$12,000. Even with rebates, the cost is still around \$8,000.

you don't have to own property to pay an electric bill. Also I moved here June 06, the independent study was required in 2009. There were 2 survives done. It should be dropped unless the few that object want to pay for a 3rd or 4th survey. I don't want my rates higher just because of a few

A few loud people cost the rest of us \$360,000 to date. Bet Sue Downing wasn't in the area when SSVEC purchased the easements in 1982, nor bothered, that lines were stretched to her place.